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fruit, in the current of commerce between the production area and any point outside thereof in the United States, Canada, or Mexico.

§ 906.8 Producer.

Producer means any person engaged in a proprietary capacity in the production of fruit for market.

(a) *Independent producer.* *Independent producer* means any producer who does not market his fruit through a handler that is a cooperative marketing organization.

(b) [Reserved]

§ 906.9 Grade and size.

Grade means any one of the established grades of fruit and *size* means any one of the established sizes of fruit as defined and set forth in the applicable U.S. Standards for fruit (§§ 51.680 through 51.714 and §§ 51.620 through 51.653) issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, or amendments thereto, or modifications thereof, or variations based thereon recommended by the committee and approved by the Secretary.

§ 906.10 Pack.

Pack means the specific grade, quality, size, or arrangement of fruit in a particular container or containers.

§ 906.11 Maturity.

Maturity means various degrees of ripeness for fruit as established by the committee with approval of the Secretary.

§ 906.12 Container.

Container means any box, bag, crate, hamper, basket, package, bulk carton, or any other type of receptacle used in the packaging, transportation, sale, or other handling of fruit.

§ 906.13 Variety or varieties.

Variety or varieties means any one or more of the following groupings or classifications of fruit: (a) Navel oranges; (b) Early and Midseason oranges, except Navel oranges; (c) Valencia and similar late type oranges; (d) white seeded grapefruit; (e) white seedless grapefruit; (f) pink and red seeded grapefruit; and (g) pink and red seedless grapefruit.

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§ 906.14 Committee.

Committee means the Texas Valley Citrus Committee, established pursuant to § 906.18.

§ 906.15 Fiscal period.

Fiscal period means the period beginning August 1 and ending July 31 following; or such annual beginning and ending dates as may be approved by the Secretary pursuant to recommendations of the committee.

§ 906.16 District.

District means any of the geographic divisions of the production area initially established pursuant to § 906.20 or as re-established pursuant to § 906.21.

COMMITTEE

§ 906.18 Establishment and membership.

(a) The Texas Valley Citrus Committee, consisting of fifteen (15) members is hereby established. For each member of the committee there shall be an alternate who shall have the same qualifications as the member.

(b) Nine members shall be producers who produce fruit in the district which they represent and are residents of the production area. Two of the producer members shall be producers who market their fruit through cooperative marketing organizations, and seven of the producer members shall be independent producers. Producer members shall not have a proprietary interest in or be employees of a handler organization: *Provided*, That members of a cooperative marketing organization shall not be considered as having a proprietary interest in a handler organization because of such membership.

(c) Six members shall be handlers who are residents of the production area. One handler member shall represent cooperative marketing organizations; five handler members shall represent independent handlers.

§ 906.19 Term of office.

(a) The term of office of committee members and their respective alternates shall be for three years beginning August 1 and ending July 31: *Provided*, That the term of office of one-third of

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the initial producer members and alternates and one-third of the initial handler members and alternates shall end July 31, 1961, and the term of office of an identical number of such committee members and alternates shall end July 31, 1962. No member or alternate member shall succeed himself.

(b) Members and alternates shall serve in that capacity during the portion of the term of office for which they are selected and have qualified, and until their respective successors are selected and have qualified. Should a producer member or alternate member change his marketing affiliation during his term of office, he may continue to serve in such capacity during the remainder of such term.

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§ 906.20 Districts.

For the purpose of determining the basis for selecting producer committee members the following districts of the production area are hereby initially established:

District No. 1: The county of Cameron in the State of Texas;

District No. 2: The county of Hidalgo in the State of Texas; and

District No. 3 The county of Willacy in the State of Texas.

§ 906.21 Redistricting.

The committee may recommend, and pursuant thereto the Secretary may approve, the reapportionment of members among districts, the reapportionment of members between grower and handler members representing cooperative marketing organizations and independent grower and independent handler members, and the re-establishment of districts within the production area. In recommending such changes, the committee shall give consideration to: (a) Shifts in production; (b) the importance of new production in its relation to existing districts; (c) the equitable relationship of committee membership and districts; (d) changes in amount of fruit handled by cooperative marketing organizations in relation to fruit handled by independent handlers; and (e) other relevant factors. No changes in districting or in apportion-

ment of members may become effective in less than 30 days prior to the date on which terms of office begin each year and no recommendations for such re-districting or reapportionment may be made less than six months prior to such date.

§ 906.22 Selection.

(a) From District No. 1 the Secretary shall select initially two producer members and their alternates representing independent producers. From District No. 2 the Secretary shall select initially two producer members and their respective alternates representing producers who market their fruit through cooperative marketing organizations, and four producer members and their respective alternates representing independent producers. From District No. 3 the Secretary shall select initially one producer member and his alternate representing independent producers.

(b) From the production area the Secretary shall select initially six handler members and their respective alternates. One handler member shall represent cooperative marketing organizations and five handler members shall represent independent handlers.

§ 906.23 Nominations.

The Secretary may select the members of the committee and alternates from nominations which may be made in the following manner:

(a) A meeting of producers who are members of cooperative marketing organizations and a meeting of independent producers shall be held for each district having both cooperative and independent producer members and alternates to elect nominees for such positions. For all other districts, meetings of all producers shall be held for such purpose. A meeting of handlers representing cooperative marketing organizations and a meeting of independent handlers shall be held in the production area to elect nominees for handler members and alternates. For nominations to the initial committee, the meetings may be sponsored by the United States Department of Agriculture or by any agency or group requested to do so by such Department.